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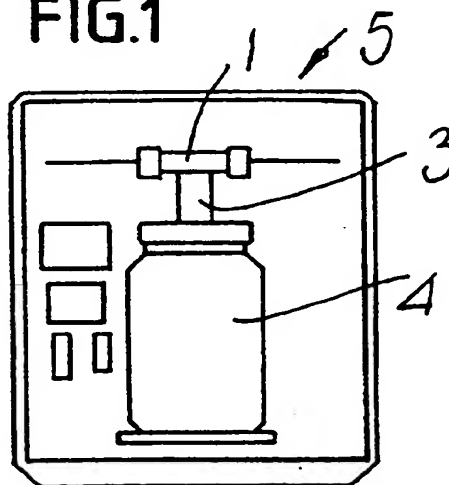
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(54) Device for electrically vaporizing active principles

(57) The device for electrically vaporizing active principles comprises at least one element (3) adapted to be impregnated with a substance that contains the active principle to be vaporized and at least one heating element (1) which is adapted to produce the vaporization of the substance that contains the active principle from the impregnated element. The device has a timer which is adapted to control the flow of electric current through the heating element (1) for the selective high-temperature pulsed heating of the heating element (1) to a temperature which is close to the boiling point of the substance that contains the active principle.

FIG.1



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